testing and examination prior to grant of driving licences, the validity of the licence in terms of various classes of vehicles to be driven and the time period. These rules are uniform throughout the country.

Implementation of these provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 is the responsibility of State Governments.

Movement of pedestrians on Delhi-Noida Flyover

†2809. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a ban on the movement of pedestrians and cyclists on the Delhi-Noida-Delhi flyover;

(b) whether any such orders have been issued;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have received any complaints in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the matter has been enquired into; if so, the outcome thereof; and

(g) the details of the erring officials and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (g) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. The said bridge constructed by NOIDA Toll Bridge Co. Ltd. is on the State Highway connecting Delhi and Noida of Uttar Pradesh. The subject matter thus pertains to these States.

Construction and development of National Highways

†2810. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set a target of investing one lakh eighty thousand crore rupees for constructing and developing National Highways and Golden Quadrilateral Roads with the view of infrastructural development;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is a fact that the work for construction of 6000 kilometre segment into four lane has been allocated in the names of contractors during the last financial year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; State-wise and National Highway-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The Committee on Infrastructure under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister, has decided for the improvement of National Highways under various phases (phases I to VII) of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) involving an investment of Rs. 2,20,000 Crore.

(b) and (c) State-wise and National Highways-wise details of contracts awarded during last financial year are annexed. [See Appendix 207, Annexure10]

Development of Vadinar Port

2811. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to develop Vadinar Port for the cargo other than oil cargo;

(b) if so, the status thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to form joint venture/SPU with Government of Gujarat/GMB for the purpose; and

(d) if so, what would be the modality?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Kandla Port Trust has taken initiative to develop Vadinar Port to handle cargo other than Oil Cargo as creation of berthing and allied facilities for handling cargo for the proposed power station of Sikka.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Land acquisition by NHAI

2812. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with more than Rs. 3400 crores already spent on North-